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Conserve it!*



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DOW honors 'Fix a Leak Week' March 18-22 on Kaua'i with free leak detection starter kit giveaways

LIHUE – The Department of Water (DOW) is encouraging all water users to detect and fix residential leaks during the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) annual "Fix a Leak Week" this week, March 18 through Friday, March 22 as an important reminder to Kaua'i businesses and residents to regularly check for leaks and repair them promptly to avoid wasting water.

During Fix a Leak Week, the DOW is giving away free leak detection starter kits at their office located at 4398 Pua Loke Street, in Lihue. Customers will need to fill out a simple redemption form and turn it in to any available service window in the DOW's main lobby. The redemption form will also allow customers to sign up for the County's BlackBoard Connect CTY mass messaging service. Customers may pick up a free leak detection starter kit this week, during office hours from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday.

The free leak detection starter kits will include two toilet leak detection dye tablets with instructions, a standard toilet flapper, a water saving tips brochure, a DOW customer convenience card and a 9-function garden hose nozzle. Kits will be limited to one per household and available while supplies last.

To help save water for future generations, the DOW encourages consumers to follow these three simple steps: Check. Twist. Replace.

- **Check for leaks.** Look for dripping faucets, showerheads, sprinklers and other fixtures. For toilets, put a few drops of food coloring or a dye tablet into the tank and wait 10 minutes. If any color appears in the bowl, your toilet has a leak. Don't forget to also check irrigation systems and outdoor spigots. Examine your lawn for wet spots where grass seems greener. This could indicate a broken underground pipe. If you find a leak, have it repaired as soon as possible.
- **Twist and tighten hose and pipe connections.** For additional savings, twist on a low-flow aerator to each faucet to save water without noticing a difference in flow.
- **Replace the fixture if necessary.** Look for WaterSense labeled models, which are independently certified to use 20 percent less water and perform as well as or better than standard models.

In many cases, fixture replacement parts help pay for themselves quickly in water savings on your next bill and can be installed by handy do-it-yourselfers or local plumbing professionals. Irrigation professionals should also check your systems for leaks.

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For more information on Fix a Leak Week, visit www.epa.gov/watersense or call the Department of Water at 245-5461 or 245-5455.

For more water saving and leak detection tips, visit www.kauaiwater.org or follow the Department of Water on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KauaiDOW.



Photo by the Department of Water

DOW Customers, David and Dianne Drought stop for a picture after receiving their free leak detection starter kit during Fix a Leak Week at the DOW on Monday, March 18, 2019. Kits are now available at the DOW office today, thru March 22, 2019.

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Photo by the Department of Water
The Department of Water is teaming up with the EPA for Fix a Leak week and is offering free leak detection kits from March 18 to March 22nd, 2019. Pictured (l to r) front row is the DOW's Ferdinand Mariano, Edie Ignacio-Neumiller, Christine Erorita and Bryan Wienand. Back: Bekki Dee Malapit, Darrell Acob, Marcelino Soliz and Mary-Jane Akuna.



Photo by the Department of Water
Pictured are the contents of the free leak detection starter kits. Available now at the Department of Water (DOW) during EPA's Fix a Leak Week from March 18 to March 22.

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